

**Public Participation Opportunity
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)**

Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft

Monday, December 10, 2007

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Public Notice Expiration Date: **January 14, 2008**

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment. A list of Notices of Intent (NOIs) that were recently received by the DWPC is available on our web page:

<http://www.tdec.net/wpc/ppo/>

Individual NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Proposed Modifications

Applicant name	Martin Poultry Operation		
Permit number	TN0080217	Permit Writer Initials	JCM
County	Franklin	Discharger rating	Minor
		EFO Name	Columbia
Street Address/Location	101 Cole Lane		
City and Zip Code	Winchester, TN 37398		
Description of activity	eight house poultry operation (190,000 birds)		
Effluent description	a no discharge system except for a catastrophic event		
Receiving stream	Owl Hollow		
Facility latitude	35.173000	Facility longitude	-86.194556

Applicant name	James Threet Poultry Farm		
Permit number	TN0080225	Permit Writer Initials	JCM
County	Fentress	Discharger rating	Minor
		EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address/Location	2201 Livingston Highway		
City and Zip Code	Jamestown, TN 38556		
Description of activity	6 poultry houses operation (164,000 birds)		
Effluent description	a no discharge system except for a catastrophic event		
Receiving stream	Poplar Cove Creek		
Facility latitude	36.426667	Facility longitude	-84.937222

Proposed New Issuances

Applicant name **Jimmy C. Pack**
Permit number **TN0080233** Permit Writer Initials **JCM** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Cocke** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **1380 Clear Creek Road**
City and Zip Code **Parrottsville, TN 37843**
Description of activity **six house poultry (140,000 bird)**
Effluent description **a no discharge system except for a catastrophic event**
Receiving stream **Clear Creek**
Facility latitude **36.02508** Facility longitude **-83.09515**

Applicant name **H. O. Walker Farm**
Permit number **TN0080250** Permit Writer Initials **JCM** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Hamblen** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **3215 Three Springs Road**
City and Zip Code **Whitesburg, TN 37891**
Description of activity **poultry operation (138000 birds)**
Effluent description **a no discharge system except for a catastrophic event**
Receiving stream **Unnamed tributary to Cherokee Reservoir**
Facility latitude **36.3010722** Facility longitude **-83.171058**

Individual NPDES Permits

Proposed Modifications

Applicant name **Tellico Reservoir Development Agency**
Permit number **TN0059897** Permit Writer Initials **MTS** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Monroe** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **41 Sea Ray Circle**
City and Zip Code **Vonore, TN 37885**
Description of activity **Treatment of municipal sewage. Permit modified to align pathogen monitoring requirements with current water quality standards.**
Effluent description **treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001**
Receiving stream **Little Tennessee River at mile 16.1**
Facility latitude **35.445833** Facility longitude **-84.262500**

Applicant name **Gallatin STP**
 Permit number **TN0020141** Permit Writer Initials **MTS** Discharger rating **Major**
 County **Sumner** EFO Name **Nashville**
 Street Address/Location **1501 Lock 4 Road**
 City and Zip Code **Gallatin, TN 37066**
 Description of activity **Treatment of municipal sewage. STP expansion from 5.5 MGD to 12 MGD.**
 Effluent description **treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001**
 Receiving stream **Cumberland River (Old Hickory Reservoir) at mile 237.9**
 Facility latitude **36.334444** Facility longitude **-86.462778**

Applicant name **Church Hill STP**
 Permit number **TN0021253** Permit Writer Initials **MTS** Discharger rating **Major**
 County **Hawkins** EFO Name **Johnson City**
 Street Address/Location **300 East Main Blvd. (City Hall) VFW Road (STP)**
 City and Zip Code **Church Hill, TN 37642**
 Description of activity **Treatment of municipal sewage. Permit modified to align pathogen monitoring requirements with current water quality standards.**
 Effluent description **treated domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewaters**
 Receiving stream **Holston River at mile 136.5**
 Facility latitude **36.523611** Facility longitude **-82.681944**

Proposed New Issuances

Applicant name **Tellico Trout Hatchery**
 Permit number **TN0005045** Permit Writer Initials **JAH** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County **Monroe** EFO Name **Knoxville**
 Street Address/Location **3193 River Road**
 City and Zip Code **Tellico Plains, TN 37385**
 Description of activity **Fish Hatchery**
 Effluent description **industrial wastewater (water from a fish farm operation) through Outfall 001**
 Receiving stream **Sycamore Creek at mile 0.5 to Tellico River at mile 46.7**
 Facility latitude **35.279167** Facility longitude **-84.104167**

Proposed Reissuances

Applicant name **Kinder Morgan Southeast Terminals LLC**
Permit number **TN0002216** Permit Writer Initials **SEF** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Knox** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **5009 Middlebrook Pike**
City and Zip Code **Knoxville, TN 37921**
Description of activity **Pipeline terminal that stores and distributes refined petroleum products**
Effluent description **rack/pump/pad and equipment washdown, monitoring well purge, tank/piping hydrostatic testing water, stormwater runoff from racks, paved areas, and tank farms from Outfall 001**
Receiving stream **mile 0.6 of an unnamed tributary to Third Creek at mile 5.3**
Facility latitude **35.983333** Facility longitude **-83.965278**

Applicant name **Lost Sea Inc.**
Permit number **TN0055514** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Monroe** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **Route 2, Lost Sea Pike**
City and Zip Code **Sweetwater, TN 37874**
Description of activity **Activated sludge**
Effluent description **treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001**
Receiving stream **Mile 1.2 of an unnamed tributary which enters Fork Creek at mile 20.0**
Facility latitude **35.538000** Facility longitude **-84.433340**

Applicant name **Pilot Travel Centers, LLC #270**
Permit number **TN0064556** Permit Writer Initials **JAH** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Knox** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **314 Lovell Road (I-40, Exit 374)**
City and Zip Code **Knoxville, TN 37932**
Description of activity **Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Station/Retail Convenience Store.**
Effluent description **treated bay-wash wastewater from Outfall 001, storm water runoff from Outfall SW2**
Receiving stream **unnamed tributary to Turkey Creek at mile 4.2**
Facility latitude **35.904166** Facility longitude **-84.141667**

Applicant name **Monterey WWTP**
Permit number **TN0064688** Permit Writer Initials **JAH** Discharger rating **Major**
County **Putnam** EFO Name **Cookeville**
Street Address/Location **13785 Woodcliff Road**
City and Zip Code **Monterey, TN 38574**
Description of activity **Biological treatment of municipal sewage. Permit modified to align pathogen monitoring requirements with current water quality standards.**
Effluent description **treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001**
Receiving stream **unnamed ditch at mile 0.4 to Falling Water River at mile 46.1**
Facility latitude **36.150833** Facility longitude **-85.292222**

Applicant name **Lanier Elementary School**
 Permit number **TN0062391** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County **Blount** EFO Name **Knoxville**
 Street Address/Location **6006 Lanier Road**
 City and Zip Code **Maryville, TN 37801**
 Description of activity **Activated sludge**
 Effluent description **treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001**
 Receiving stream **Nine mile Creek at mile 13.9**
 Facility latitude **35.623611** Facility longitude **-84.099166**

Applicant name **Jackson Energy Authority - Middle Fork STP**
 Permit number **TN0075876** Permit Writer Initials **SEF** Discharger rating **Major**
 County **Madison** EFO Name **Jackson**
 Street Address/Location **205 Deloach Road**
 City and Zip Code **Jackson, TN 38305**
 Description of activity **Treatment of municipal sewage by mechanically cleaned bar screens and filter screens, grit removal, cyclical aeration, chlorination and post aeration**
 Effluent description **treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001**
 Receiving stream **Middle Fork Forked Deer River at mile 29.1**
 Facility latitude **35.759722** Facility longitude **-88.870833**

Applicant name **Friendship STP**
 Permit number **TN0058955** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County **Crockett** EFO Name **Jackson**
 Street Address/Location **282 Industrial Road**
 City and Zip Code **Friendship, TN 38034**
 Description of activity **Oxidation ditch**
 Effluent description **treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001**
 Receiving stream **Unnamed tributary at mile 0.3 to Miller Creek at mile 3.9**
 Facility latitude **35.928333** Facility longitude **-89.230000**

Applicant name **Foothills Pointe Owners Association, Inc.**
 Permit number **TN0062316** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County **Loudon** EFO Name **Knoxville**
 Street Address/Location **Southshore Drive**
 City and Zip Code **Greenback, TN 37742**
 Description of activity **Wetlands**
 Effluent description **treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001**
 Receiving stream **Tellico Reservoir (Little Tennessee River) at mile 13.4**
 Facility latitude **35.658888** Facility longitude **-84.240555**

Applicant name **Briceville Elem School**
Permit number **TN0057860** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Anderson** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **103 Slate Street**
City and Zip Code **Briceville, TN 37710**
Description of activity **Extended aeration**
Effluent description **treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001**
Receiving stream **Coal Creek at mile 8.6**
Facility latitude **36.176944** Facility longitude **-84.183055**

Applicant name **Burroughs-Ross-Colville Co., LLC**
Permit number **TN0004359** Permit Writer Initials **SEF** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Warren** EFO Name **Cookeville**
Street Address/Location **301 Depot Street**
City and Zip Code **McMinnville, TN 37110**
Description of activity **Manufacture of wood products, hardwood lumber, bark rocessing sawmill, and planning operation.**
Effluent description **log spraying water through Outfalls 001, 002 and 004**
Receiving stream **Barren Fork River at approximate mile 5.5 for Outfall 001, Town Creek at approximate mile 0.04 to Barren Fork River at approximate mile 5.4 for Outfall 002, and Barren Fork River at approximate mile 5.3 for Outfall 004**
Facility latitude **35.67964** Facility longitude **-85.77319**

State Operation Permits

Proposed New Issuances

Applicant name **The Dickson County Board of Education - Vanleer Elementary**
Permit number **SOP-02047** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Dickson** EFO Name **Nashville**
Street Address/Location **The northerly side of Highway 49 just west of Cedar Creek Road**
City and Zip Code **Vanleer, TN 37181**
Description of activity **Septic tank, recirculating sand filter and drip irrigation**
Wastewater description **treated domestic wastewater**
Adjacent receiving stream **N/A**
Facility latitude **36.226944** Facility longitude **-87.442222**

Applicant name	Franklin Industrial Minerals - Pump and Haul		
Permit number	SOP-02055	Permit Writer Initials	HVA Discharger rating Minor
County	Cumberland	EFO Name	Cookeville
Street Address/Location	10583 Highway 70 East		
City and Zip Code	Crab Orchard, TN 37723		
Description of activity	Pump & haul to Crossville STP		
Wastewater description	Proposed long term pump and haul from expanded toilet facilities at a limestone mine with unexpandable subsurface disposal.		
Adjacent receiving stream	NA		
Facility latitude	35.905000	Facility longitude	-84.866666

Applicant name	Consolidated Utility District of Rutherford County - Diamond Crest Subdivision		
Permit number	SOP-02060	Permit Writer Initials	HVA Discharger rating Minor
County	Rutherford	EFO Name	Nashville
Street Address/Location	Diamond Crest Subdivision off Roanoke Drive and Cutoff Road		
City and Zip Code	, TN		
Description of activity	Septic tanks, effluent collection system, recirculating sand filter and drip irrigation		
Wastewater description	No discharge allowed		
Adjacent receiving stream	N/A		
Facility latitude	35.979166	Facility longitude	-86.391666

Applicant name	Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. - Greenbriar Subdivision		
Permit number	SOP-07055	Permit Writer Initials	HVA Discharger rating Minor
County	Sevier	EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address/Location	Kodak TN		
City and Zip Code	Kodak, TN 37764		
Description of activity	Septic tanks, effluent collection system, fixed film reactor , UV disinfection and 1.75 acre drip irrigation area		
Wastewater description	No discharge allowed from this system		
Adjacent receiving stream	N/A		
Facility latitude	36.010555	Facility longitude	-83.624722

Applicant name	Marshall County Board of Public Utilities - Warner's Ridge		
Permit number	SOP-07069	Permit Writer Initials	HVA Discharger rating Minor
County	Marshall	EFO Name	Columbia
Street Address/Location	US Hwy 31 & Mt. Vernon Road		
City and Zip Code	, TN		
Description of activity	Septic tanks, effluent collection system, recirculating sand filter fenced 14.9 acre drip irrigation area		
Wastewater description	No discharge allowed from this system		
Adjacent receiving stream	N/A		
Facility latitude	35.40416	Facility longitude	-86.41001

Applicant name	Mirror Lawn Turf Doctor, Inc.		
Permit number	SOP-07070	Permit Writer Initials	HVA Discharger rating Minor
County	Madison	EFO Name	Jackson
Street Address/Location	152 McIntosh P.O. Box 7966		
City and Zip Code	Jackson, TN 38302		
Description of activity	Pressure washing of entrance sidewalks at commercial and retail businesses.		
Wastewater description	Wastewater collected from the pressure washing of sidewalks in front of stores like Wal-Mart. No detergents used, just hot water under pressure. No parking lot cleaning.		
Adjacent receiving stream	N/A		
Facility latitude		Facility longitude	

Applicant name	Integrated Resource Management, Inc. - Mountainscape		
Permit number	SOP-07080	Permit Writer Initials	HVA Discharger rating Minor
County	Sevier	EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address/Location	Thompson Loop		
City and Zip Code	, TN		
Description of activity	Septic tanks, effluent collection system, recirculating fixed media filter with carbon filter odor control, UV disinfection and drip irrigation		
Wastewater description	No discharge allowed from this system		
Adjacent receiving stream	N/A		
Facility latitude	35.887500	Facility longitude	-83.375000

Applicant name	Stowers Machinery Corporation		
Permit number	SOP-07084	Permit Writer Initials	HVA Discharger rating Minor
County	Sevier	EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address/Location	Veterans Boulevard		
City and Zip Code	Seymour, TN 37865		
Description of activity	Pump and haul domestic wastewater to McCroskey Island WWTP (City of Sevierville)		
Wastewater description	No discharge allowed from this system		
Adjacent receiving stream	N/A		
Facility latitude	35.84735	Facility longitude	-83.53849

Applicant name	East Sevier County Utility District -The Preserve at English Mountain WWTP		
Permit number	SOP-07085	Permit Writer Initials	HVA Discharger rating Minor
County	Sevier	EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address/Location	Wilhite Road		
City and Zip Code	Crockettsville, TN		
Description of activity	Pump and haul of domestic wastewater to East Sevier County Utility District		
Wastewater description	No discharge allowed from this system		
Adjacent receiving stream	N/A		
Facility latitude	35.861667	Facility longitude	-83.356667

Applicant name **Scrubby Buddies, Inc.**
 Permit number **SOP-07086** Permit Writer Initials **PRM** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Sullivan EFO Name **Johnson City**
 Street Address/Location 705 East Sevier
 City and Zip Code Kingsport, TN 37660
 Description of activity mobile washing operation
 Wastewater description non-process washwater
 Adjacent receiving stream NA
 Facility latitude Facility longitude

Proposed Reissuances

Applicant name **Water & Wastewater Authority of Wilson County - Clay Estates**
 Permit number **SOP-02051** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Wilson EFO Name **Nashville**
 Street Address/Location Clay Estates
 City and Zip Code Lebanon, TN 37087
 Description of activity Septic tanks, effluent collection system, recirculating sand filter and drip irrigation
 Wastewater description No discharge allowed
 Adjacent receiving stream N/A
 Facility latitude 36.264444 Facility longitude -86.326666

Applicant name **White House Utility District Collection System**
 Permit number **SOP-97022** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Sumner EFO Name **Nashville**
 Street Address/Location 3303 Hwy 31W
 City and Zip Code White House, TN 37188
 Description of activity Sewage collection system to either Gallatin STP or Hendersonville collection system to Nashville Dry Creek STP
 Wastewater description No discharge allowed
 Adjacent receiving stream N/A
 Facility latitude 36.470278 Facility longitude -86.652222

Applicant name **City of Ridgetop**
 Permit number **SOP-97019** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Robertson EFO Name **Nashville**
 Street Address/Location Ridgetop
 City and Zip Code Ridgetop, TN 37152
 Description of activity STEP sewage collection system to the Goodlettsville sewage collection system to Nashville Dry Creek STP
 Wastewater description No discharge allowed
 Adjacent receiving stream N/A
 Facility latitude 36.444444 Facility longitude -86.775555

Applicant name **Rebound Care Corporation D/B/A Open Arms Care Corp. - Burkitt Road**
 Permit number **SOP-97009** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Davidson EFO Name **Nashville**
 Street Address/Location Burkitt Road
 City and Zip Code Antioch, TN 37135
 Description of activity Septic tank, recirculating sand filter and drip irrigation
 Wastewater description No discharge allowed
 Adjacent receiving stream N/A
 Facility latitude 35.991667 Facility longitude -86.658889

Applicant name **Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. - Highland Cove**
 Permit number **SOP-02061** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County DeKalb EFO Name **Cookeville**
 Street Address/Location Dale Ridge Road at East View Drive
 City and Zip Code Smithville, TN 37166
 Description of activity Septic tanks, effluent collection system, recirculating sand filter and drip irrigation
 Wastewater description No discharge allowed
 Adjacent receiving stream Center Hill Lake (Approximately 1500 LF)
 Facility latitude 36.073055 Facility longitude -85.871111

Proposed Terminations

Applicant name **Providence Baptist Church**
 Permit number **SOP-03025** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Robertson EFO Name **Nashville**
 Street Address/Location 3850 Highway 49 West
 City and Zip Code Coopertown, TN 37172
 Description of activity Pump & haul to Springfield STP
 Wastewater description No discharge allowed
 Adjacent receiving stream N/A
 Facility latitude Facility longitude

POTW - Pretreatment Program Approvals:

None

The Division of Water Pollution Control is authorized to approve local POTW Pretreatment Programs for the administration and enforcement of the National Pretreatment Standards of Performance for industrial users of the respective Publicly Owned Treatment Works listed in this notice. Additionally, the POTW Programs are required to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW's which will interfere with their operation, including the use or disposal of sludge, and prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW's which will pass through the treatment works or be otherwise incompatible. All POTW Pretreatment Programs approved are in accordance with the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act, the federal Clean Water Act, and appropriate regulations.

End of List

How to Comment:

TDEC is requesting public comment on this permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action are invited to submit comments in writing to the Division of Water Pollution Control at 6th Floor, L&C Tower, 401 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37243, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax number (615) 532-0686, or by E-mail at environment@state.tn.us. Comments must be received by the end of comment period date (see Page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons why such a hearing is warranted. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, a hearing will be conducted according to Division of Water Pollution Control Rule 1200-4-5-.06(12). Public hearings will be announced through another public notice.

How the Department will Proceed:

The Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of the Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details:

Draft permits or decisions regarding applications submitted to TDEC may be available electronically on the TDEC Internet site: <http://www.state.tn.us/environment>. Copies of the application(s) and draft permit(s) are also available for public inspection by contacting TDEC at environment@state.tn.us, by calling 1-888-891-TDEC (8332), or by visiting following locations during normal business hours:

Environmental Field Office - Chattanooga

540 McCallie Avenue, Suite 550

Chattanooga, TN 37402 -2013

(423) 634-5745

Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie

Environmental Field Office - Columbia

2484 Park Plus Drive

Columbia, TN 38506

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Environmental Field Office - Cookeville
1221 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38401
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1625 Hollywood Drive
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Environmental Field Office - Memphis
2510 Mt. Moriah Road, Suite E-645
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State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy:

Antidegradation determinations have been made in regard to the permits referenced in this Public Notice. Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is found in Chapter 1200-4-3-.06 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the antidegradation policy is to establish a greater level of protection for those waters that are identified to be of high quality. Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Some high quality waters are those at near pristine conditions. These outstanding National Resource Waters (ORNWs), or Tier 3 waters, are specifically designated by the Water Quality Control Board and are afforded the greatest level of protection. No new discharges or expansion of existing discharges are allowed to result in degradation of the existing water quality. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features and are identified by the Department as Tier 2 waters and are also protected against degradation.

Some degradation may be allowed only if the Water Quality Control Board deems it economically and socially necessary. Other surface waters not specifically identified and/or designated as high quality are referred to as Tier 1 waters. Generally, new discharges or increases in existing discharges may be allowed in Tier 1 waters. The Division of Water Pollution Control's evaluation of such discharges may include the following provisions:

- The proposed lowering of water quality by the discharge is necessary for economic growth or community benefit; the proposed discharge can not be mitigated by reasonable pollution prevention measures; and
- There is no other reasonable non-discharge alternative available to prevent the new/increased discharge to Tier 1 waters.

In all cases, the proposed discharge must meet water quality standards and fully protect all classified uses. Information used by the Division of Water Pollution Control in evaluating any of the above provisions is available upon request.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination:

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's policy of non-discrimination, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service in its policies, or in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs, services or activities. Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action inquiries or complaints should be directed to the EEO/AA Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, 401 Church Street, 20th Floor L & C Tower, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-888-867-7455. ADA inquiries or complaints should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, 401 Church Street, 12th Floor L & C Tower, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-866-253-5827. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you believe will be interested.

Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, Warren, White